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Former Castro Aide Heads New Cuba Revolt Campaign

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Organized opposition to the Communist government of Fidel Castro is expected to increase soon when a militant organization called JURE launches a new campaign inside Cuba against its Red rulers.

JURE, which stands for Junta Revolucionaria Cubana, claims it already has underground forces in Cuba. At some undisclosed time between now and May 20, Cuban Independence Day, they will be joined by Manolo Ray, the leader of the liberal wing of anti-Castro exiles.

Disclosure that Mr. Ray, 36-year-old leader of JURE, intends to slip into Cuba to command guerrilla and sabotage operations, was made here last night by Pedro Entenza, Washington representative of the two-year-old JURE organization.

In Puerto Rico

Manuel Antonio Ray Rivero, to give him his full name, is now in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he has a job in the island government housing office.

How the one-time Castro cabinet minister will penetrate Cuba and where he will operate are secrets.

Mr. Ray was in Washington last week but could not be interviewed. Nor could he be reached by phone last night in San Juan where he lives with his wife, Aurora, and his five children.

"Do not expect a sudden series of attacks against the Castro forces at once," said the 32-year-old Mr. Entenza, a former Havana attorney who lives in Fairfax.

"It will take time to organize



MANOLO RAY

the opposition and to plan his attacks. What he wants to do is become a focal point for the divided and scattered underground and to give the people who oppose the Communists an aim and some direction to their efforts."

Mr. Entenza, who works as a title searcher for a Fairfax law firm by day and labors as a JURE organizer in his off-hours, said Mr. Ray heads the 10-man leadership group.

Four of the leaders, whose names are a JURE secret, are already inside Cuba, he said. The other five are Rogelio Cisneros, second-in-command; Jose Gomez Rodriguez, a labor leader who headed the November 30 movement; Raul Chibas, once a leader with Fidel Castro's guerrillas in the Sierra Maestra and a member of the Orthodox Party; Jose San Martin, former minister of public works under President Grau; and Orlando Castro (no relation to Fidel)

who is in Venezuela organizing exiles there.

The JURE organization, according to Mr. Entenza, is closely linked with the large MRP group of exiles, as well as some of the survivors of the Bay of Pigs invasion force and the militant raiding groups, Alpha 66 and the Second Front of the Escambray. He said he does not know how many of the 200,000 Cuban exiles support JURE but said there are several thousand active members.

Mr. Entenza said JURE is financed almost entirely by small contributions from exiles. He said \$70,000 was collected in recent weeks among exile contributors to buy the JURE underground in Cuba "the things it needs."

JURE gets no support from the United States Government, he said. American sources also indicated the United States is not aiding JURE.

Viewed as Liberal

Mr. Ray is regarded as a leftist liberal, although not a Communist.

The American estimate of Mr. Ray is that he would preserve the principal of agrarian land reform which Mr. Castro promised but did not fulfill. But the question mark is in his attitude toward the seized foreign properties in Cuba.

Mr. Ray is not regarded highly by the conservative element among the exiles.

The CIA, in planning the Bay of Pigs invasion, favored Jose Miro Cardona and the conservatives in the then Revolutionary Council which represented all exile groups. Mr. Ray, a member of the council, planned to send teams of saboteurs to join the underground before the invasion, but he was

never told the invasion details and his campaign of sabotage was not launched.

Subsequently, Mr. Entenza said, Mr. Ray was dumped by the conservative Revolutionary Council at American insistence.

A Sabotage Expert

Mr. Ray hopes his group can rally the liberal exiles into a cohesive unit and topple Mr. Castro through an internal uprising much as Mr. Castro overthrew Fulgencio Batista.

Mr. Ray once headed a large construction firm in Cuba that built the Havana Hilton Hotel. Like most Cubans, he had no

use for Mr. Batista and was Mr. Castro's sabotage chief.

Mr. Ray became Mr. Castro's minister of public works. Mr. Entenza worked for Mr. Ray in that post. It was the trial of Huber Matos that drove Mr. Ray out of the Castro government. Mr. Matos, one of the revolutionary leaders, protested the rise of the Communists and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Mr. Ray resigned in November, 1959, and made his way to the United States. After the failure of the Bay of Pigs he shifted his headquarters from Miami to Puerto Rico.